

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Naoaki KATAOKA et al. :
Serial No. [NEW] : **Attn: Application Branch**
Filed July 9, 2001 : **Attorney Docket No. 2001-0978**

METHOD FOR PURIFYING MATTER :
CONTAMINATED WITH HALOGENATED :
ORGANIC COMPOUNDS :
(Rule 1.53(b) Divisional of Serial No. :
09/355,981, Filed October 22, 1999)

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE
FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In the interest of compact prosecution, please amend the present application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following as the first sentence of the specification:

This is a divisional application of Serial No. 09/355,891, filed October 22, 1999, which is
a 371 of PCT/JP98/00363, filed February 7, 1997.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 21 to 27 without prejudice to the subject matter thereof.